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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING CARBONIC ESTER AND PRODUCING  
POLYCARBONATE

**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 9-16, for examination.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claim(s) 1-8 are, drawn to a method for preparing carbonic ester.

Group II: Claim(s) 9-16 are, drawn to a method for preparing polycarbonate.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 9-16, drawn to a method for preparing polycarbonate, for examination.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that no adequate reasons and/or examples have been provided to support a conclusion of patentable distinctness between the identified groups.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are independent or patentably distinct and there would be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if restriction is